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American Aide Ousted By S. Korea, Denies 'Plot' to Upset Regime

TOKYO, June 9 (UPI).—An American who served as chief adviser to former South Korean Premier John M. Chang said Saturday he was ordered to leave Korea for alleged involvement in a plot to overthrow the ruling military regime, but he denied he was involved in any such move.

Donald P. Whitaker, 52, of Millville, N. J., said he was arrested by agents of the Korean Central Intelligence Agency early Thursday evening, held incommunicado and interrogated throughout the night.

SHORT NOTICE

He said the CIA gave him only five hours to pack his belongings and take his wife and two children out of the country. He arrived here early Saturday aboard a U. S. Air Force flight from Seoul.

In Korea meanwhile Taegu University students staged an anti-American demonstration to back U. S. friends for a "status of forces" agreement which would give U. S. courts jurisdiction over U. S. military personnel.

At the same time, the United Nations command ordered all American servicemen reported to their bases to avoid possible incidents.

PUBLICIZE CLASHES

The ruling military junta recently renewed its calls for a status of forces agreement.

Korean newspapers have given much publicity to a recent series of clashes between American servicemen and Korean civilians while students have started a number of protest demonstrations.

(In most of the recent incidents, American authorities said the Koreans involved were either caught while stealing from U. S. bases or suspected of such thefts.)

(Informed sources said the United States has told the Republic of Korea it is not willing to negotiate a status of forces agreement at this time.)

"The CIA wanted me to leave

on a commercial flight Friday afternoon without even letting me inform my wife," Whitaker said here. "But U. S. Army officials intervened and made arrangements for us to leave aboard the Air Force flight."

'RIDICULOUS' CHARGES

Whitaker, who termed "ridiculous" the charges that he was involved in a plot against the Government, lived in Korea for more than a dozen years. He worked in U. S. Army intelligence, with the United Nations Korean Reconstruction Agency, the Korean Government and with the U.N. Command.

He was employed by the Psychological Warfare Section of the U. N. Command Radio which propaganda to Communists at the time of his arrest. He said his ouster came only that he had no time to care for his household and automobile. He left with friends.

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